

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A server and plural terminal devices form a network. Messages are transferred among the terminal devices via a plurality  
5 of virtual communication spaces formed on the network. The transmitted and received messages are displayed on a display device of each terminal device together with the message sender identifying information. The identifiers of members utilizing the virtual communication spaces and character-train information  
10 corresponding to the respective identifiers are stored in a display name management table. When an identifier and a message are sent from a terminal device, the server converts the identifier into a character train by means of the display name management table and sends the character train to the terminal devices.